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Payroll Taxes Up $230,000 Locally

Social Security Rate Goes To 5.85%

Residents of Appomattox County will soon have to pay the piper for the increases in social security benefits that were voted this year.

Beginning on January 1st, all wage earners and their employers will be hit with an increase in payroll taxes to finance the 20 percent hike in pension checks that went into effect in September and the added benefits provided for widows, disabled persons and others.

Working people who are covered by social security will begin paying at the rate of 5.85 percent on the first $10,800 of earnings. Matching contributions will be made by their employers.

The new rate represents a rise over the 5.2 percent on the first $9,000, which are now paying.

As a result, a person in the local area who earns $10,800 or more will be paying $631.80 next year instead of the present $468.

The self-employed locally will be paying a maximum of $864, as against $675 at present.

What it amount to, for residents of Appomattox County, is an overall increase of approximately $230,000 over the total paid by workers and employers in 1972.

The figures are based upon data released by the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service and others.

For the local worker who made $6,000 in 1972 and paid $312 in social security taxes, the new cost will be $351. The $8,000 wage earner will have to pay $468 instead of $416.

According to the official figures, the nation's jobholders and their employers turned $97.8 billion into the social security trust funds last year. The total this year will be about $42.9 billion.

Appomattox County's contribution to that total will be approximately $1,150,000, it is estimated.

And next year, under the new rates, it will be close to $1,380,000, based upon the same number of workers.

Unless Congress votes a further expansion of benefits, the maximum tax will be reached in the year 2011, when a person earning $12,000 or over will be paying $876 into social security. Self-employed people will be paying a top of $1,014 beginning in 1986.

Rabies Clinic

The Appomattox County Health Department announces there will be three (3) dog rabies vaccination clinics held in January on the following dates:

Thurs., Jan. 4, 1973 - 2-4 p.m. - Fire House, Appomattox, Va.

Thurs., Jan. 11, 1973 - 2-4 p.m. - Williams Grocery, Pamplin, Va.

Thurs., Jan. 18, 1973 - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Fire House, Appomattox, Va.

SNOW DATE: Thurs., Jan. 25, 1973 - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Fire House, Appomattox, Virginia.

The fee for this clinic will be $2.00 per dog.

Bloodmobile Will Be In Appomattox January 23rd

The regular visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in Appomattox on Tuesday, January 23, 1973, at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6:00 p.m.

After the first two visits this fiscal year, Appomattox is even with its quota and we want to keep it that way, so, plan now to come out on January 23rd and donate a unit of your blood.

MONROE LODGE WILL MEET JANUARY 8th

Monroe Lodge 301, AF & A.M., will hold its stated meeting on Monday, January 8, 1973, at 8:00 p.m.

All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Cliff Rhodenizer is Worshipful Master and Claiborne Inge is Secretary.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET JANUARY 8th

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, January 8th, 1973, in the home of Mrs. A. A. Fratrick at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. A. A. Fratrick, Program Chairman, will be in charge of the program for the evening.

'Crewman Of The Year'

Jimmy Rogers, on the left, charter member and newly elected President of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, was honored on Friday night, December 28, 1972, with a plaque naming him "Crewman of the Year" for 1972. Presenting the award on behalf of the Rescue Squad was Ray Noble, on the right, President of the squad for the past two years.

This marked the second year that this honor had been bestowed on a member of the local rescue squad, Andy Scruggs, also a charter member, received the plaque last year.

First Home Game For Raiderettes Friday Night

The Appomattox Raiderettes will play their first home game Friday night, January 5th, when they take on the girls from Altavista High School.

The Raiderettes are 2-for-1 in the Seminole District standing and this promises to be a good game. Time: 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

The Raiders of ACHS will meet Altavista High School following the girls game on Friday night. Game time is set for 8:00 p.m. for the boys who now hold a perfect record with 7 wins and no losses.

Come out and support these two fine high school teams.

Public Hearing Set For January 11th

A public hearing will be held by the Appomattox County Planning Commission on Thursday, January 11, 1973, at 1:30 p.m. in the Appomattox Municipal Building in order to discuss views and to hear views of the citizens on some changes to the Town of Appomattox Zoning Ordinance.

A map of the considered changes and other details can be seen in the Town Office prior to the hearing.

Raiders Win Christmas Tournament

The Raiders basketball team, taking part in a Christmas Tournament Thursday, December 28th, and Friday, December 29th, won the championship by defeating Lord Botetourt High School 73 to 47 in the final game on Friday night. The tournament was played at William Byrd High School in Vinton, Virginia.

In the opening game of the tournament on Thursday night, the Raiders won in over time by defeating Glenvar High School, final score in this game was 76 to 74.

Mr. Cliff Morris is head coach of the Raider team which now holds a perfect record of 7 wins, no losses.

Farm Bureau Concerned Over R.E.A. Budget Elimination

Virginia Farm Bureau today expressed concern over the recent elimination of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program budget.

In a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, VFBF President Robert B. Delano said, "Elimination of R.E.A.P. funds will cause undue hardships and increase cost for farmers at a time when many state and federal agencies are imposing stringent regulations upon farms to control animal waste, reduce pollution, improve water supplies, and other environmental practices."

Delano urged adequate restoration of funds to the R.E.A.P. budget as an aid to meeting revolutionary changes in environmental practices.

VFBF Director of Public Affairs, Alex Hamilton expressed his hope that the secretary will respond to the VFBF request to reinstate funds to the ASCS administered program.

State Income Tax Forms Mailed Wed., January 3rd

Virginia State Income Tax Forms were mailed to citizens of Appomattox County on Wednesday, January 3, 1973, according to J. C. Caldwell, Commissioner of the Revenue for the county.

It is very important that taxpayers preserve these forms and use them to file their Virginia STATE Income Tax Returns.

The Virginia Income Tax Returns this year are in a book form which will carry a label with your name and address which should be attached to your Virginia State Return. This will enable the Virginia Department of Taxation to process your returns faster and if you are due a refund you will get it quicker by using this label.

Do not confuse these books with the book you receive from the Internal Revenue Service.

It is necessary that you prepare your Federal Income Tax Return first before you prepare your Virginia return.

The office of the Commissioner of the Revenue of Appomattox County will be glad to assist you with your State Tax Returns.

The office will be open each Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and beginning March 3, 1973, continuing through April 28, 1973, the office will also be open for your convenience on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

You will also find in your booklet Form 762, on which to list your Personal Property.

Deadline for filing your Virginia State Income Tax Return is May 1, 1973.

OAKVILLE RURITANS INSTALL OFFICERS

The Oakville Ruritan Club recently held its annual Ladies Night Banquet at the Parkway Restaurant. Guest speaker, Judge G. F. Abbitt presented an address on the trends of patriotism in our country over the years. Another of the evening's highlights was the installation of officers for the New Year. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. L. T. Richardson, zone governor for ruritan. New club officers for 1973 are: Roger Davis, President; Charles Perkins, Vice-President; W. Thomas Johnson, Secretary; O. W. Martin, Treasurer; Basil J. Lucado, Carey Carson, W. F. Corvello, Directors.

Outgoing President Travis Poole expressed appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation extended him by the members during the past year. He touched on the several projects conducted by the club in 1972, emphasizing that the success of these resulted from the splendid effort contributed by all.

The clubs next meeting will be held on January 4th, 7 p.m. at the Oakville School. Meeting agenda will focus on setting objectives and goals for community service in 1973.

Visitation At Park Up 8% In 1972

The visitation records at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park were released Tuesday, January 2, 1973, for the year 1972.

Park visitation totaled 260,391, while the village visitation totaled 169,068. This shows an increase of 8% over the 1971 figures for park visitation.

In 1971, park visitation totaled 240,139 with 155,005 visits to the village.

In December, 1972 a slight decrease was indicated with 8,435 visits to the park and 4,182 visits to the village. The village will be open each day this winter from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Will Attend Farm Bureau Conference

January 3, 1973 , Mr. Earl Pickett, President of Appomattox Farm Bureau, and Mr. Hedrry Pack will attend the Legislative Conference in Charlottesville. Purpose of this conference is to work on policies for general assembly.

Board of Directors are working to get zoning for the entire county. This will have a bearing on land use taxes.

As of January 1, 1973 all farm equipment used on public roads will have to display SMV signs.

The quota of members for the county this year is 110. We have 75%of the quota at this time. "Old" members send in your dues now. Those who

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Appomattox County Economy Growing Faster

R. B. (Dick Carter), back row on the left, was the installing officer on Friday evening as the Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service with a dinner and the installation service. New officers installed, back row from left to right, standing next to Mr. Carter, were Paul O, (Pete) Doss, Captain and member of Board of Governors; James Carter,Sergeant of Building and Grounds; Kelly O'Brien, Second Lieutenant, Junior; and Toby inge, Treasurer. Seated, from left to right, Bill Sperry, Vice-President; James Rogers, President; Anderson Scruggs, First Lieutenant; James Womack, Communications Officer; and Jack Williams, Training Officer. Officers installed but not available for picture were, Grover Beasley, Jr., Second Lieutenant, Senior; Abner Scruggs, Motor Sergeant; and Nina Beasley, Secretary.

Spending More - Saving Less

New York - Just how much the Appomattox County economy has moved forward in the last few years, despite the nation's domestic problems, may be gathered from a look at the record books.

They show that the volume of retail business done in the local area, a principal indicator of the state of the economy, rose significantly in the five years ending January 1, 1972.

The gain was made in the face of general apprehension about unemployment, crime conditions, racial strife, swelling welfare rolls, inflation, the war and higher taxes.

The progress made in the local area in the period is revealed in figures compiled by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

They show that retail sales in Appomattox County stores, as of the beginning of 1972, reached an annual rate of over $12,486,000. Five years previously they totaled $9,944,000.

This was equivalent to consumer spending at the rate of $4,247 per local household, as compared with the 1966 rate of $3,697 per household.

The rise was greater than that recorded in many parts of the country. It amounted to 15 percent.

Fundamental to the growth in retail activity in the local area during the five-year span was the marked increase in real income achieved by most families.

It has been on an upward curve, more than compensating for the rising cost of living due to tax hikes, bigger grocery and rent bills and zooming medical costs.

Nationally, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of living has gone up 33 percent since 1965, but weekly wages have climbed by about 44 percent.

Figures for Appomattox County show that personal income in the area, after deduction for taxes, went from $13,567,000 to $19,795,000 in the five years.

With more money at their command, consumers are spending more freely now than they have for some time. They are, by the same token, saving less.

As a result, merchants are ringing up record sales. The big pickup has been in automobiles, furniture, appliances, floor coverings and other durable goods.

Rescue Squad Installs Officers

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service to the people of Appomattox County when members, their wives or husbands, and other guests met at the Rescue Squad Building on Friday evening, December 29, 1972, for a dinner and the installation of officers for the new year.

"Pete" Doss, Captain of the ACHS, introduced Mr. R.B. Carter, Instructor of Agriculture at Appomattox County High School, who was guest speaker for the evening and also was in charge of the installation of officers ceremony.

Carter expressed appreciation to the members of the squad for the service they render and stated that he knows of no other organization in Appomattox County that deserves more praise. He commended the rescue squad for what they do for this community, never asking the governing bodies of the town and county for funds to operate such an organization, but getting out year after year and raising their own money . . . even the money for the dinner served annually to members and guests was raised through special efforts of the squad members.

Carter said further that this is a tribute to members of this organization who are concerned enough to raise funds because they simply want to help people. He said that America is built by communities such as Appomattox who have people who are willing to work for what they need.

Support and cooperation to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad is in evidence when you note the fine cooperation many civic clubs, organizations and individuals give to this organization, a group of men and women not thinking of glory nor of credit for themselves but thinking of helping others by working together.

Prior to the installation of officers service, Carter recognized the retiring officers and commended them for a job well done.

Captain Doss extended personal thanks to guests attending for their assistance to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Included were John Hall for many hours given in helping with the annual Fund Drive; Virginia State Police; Sheriff's Department of Appomattox County; Town Police; Lawson Ford, Inc. for the new Ford Ambulance loaned for this year; Moses Motor Company, (each motor company during alternate years lends the rescue squad a vehicle for use as an ambulance); Webb's Tire Service; Marston and Moore Tire Service; Ruritan Clubs of the County; Woodmen of the World; Jaycees; and the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for the excellent publicity and help in other ways. Also recognized were Hon. Watkins M. Abbitt, legal advisor; Henry Pack, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox; O. W. Martin, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; and TRANSCO for answering and relaying all emergency calls. Captain Doss included thanks to all who helped with the annual Fund Drive and a special thanks to everyone for their fine support.

He reported that since January 1, 1972, until noon on December 29th the Appomattox County Rescue Squad had answered a total of 440 emergency calls, traveled 20,242 miles and 1831 man hours had been used in answer to these calls - plus 120 man hours spent on standby during the flooding and various reasons. Out of the membership of the crew, 18 members completed a 72-hour course in Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, thus the organization can boast of having 18 Emergency Medical Technicians. Doss said it had been a busy year, a good year and that they hope to better

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AIS P-TA WILL MEET TUESDAY

The Appomattox Intermediate School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday night, January 9, 1973, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

A program of music will be presented by the music students of Mrs. Karen Gibson.

All members are urged to attend.

Public Hearing Set For January 11th

A public hearing will be held by the Appomattox Town Council on Thursday, January 11, 1973, at 1:30 p.m. in the town office in the Appomattox Municipal Building in order that the owners of affected properties and interested citizens can express their views on the following changes to the Town of Appomattox Zoning Ordinance.

1. To consider rezoning all that property presently zoned Industrial (M-1) along Harrell Street and abuting on the Norfolk and Western Railroad on the South and terminated on the East by the boundary of property presently owned by trustees of the "Woodmen of the World" organization.

A map of the considered changes and other details can be seen in the Town Office prior to the hearing, according to H. B. Pack, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox.